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For: **PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING CARBON BLACKS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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In response to the "Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, Filing Date Granted," dated 2 March 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following as new page 22:

**-- ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The present invention provides processes for introducing a fluid stream into a carbon black reactor and for producing carbon black. According to the present invention a fluid stream comprising an oxidant; nitrogen, hydrogen a hydrocarbonaceous material or mixtures thereof is introduced into the effluent flowing through a carbon black reactor in an axial direction. --

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**REMARKS**

Applicant has received a "Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, Filing Date Granted" indicating that an abstract was not provided for this application.

In response thereto, Applicant has amended the application to include an abstract. Also attached is a clean copy of new page 22, providing the abstract, as required. This abstract is the abstract that was published in International Publication Number WO 99/64522 for International Application Number PCT/US99/13042, from which priority is claimed.

Respectfully submitted,



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